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In re Application of:

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For: LIQUID CONTAINER, LIQUID
SUPPLY SYSTEM AND INK JET
RECORDING APPARATUS
UTILIZING THE SAME, AND
METHOD OF MOUNTING
LIQUID CONTAINER ON
RECORDING APPARATUS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent 3,929,071
U.S. Patent 6,039,442
U.S. Patent 6,142,617
Japan 9-85962

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed. Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document cited above is provided in the European Search Report and by the English language abstract

included with the cited art. The Examiner is, of course, referred to the European Examiner's comments on the English language documents as well.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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